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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider references which have come to Applicant's attention from the German priority application examination proceedings and the PCT International Search Report.

DE 38 28 267 A1 has been cited in the German examination proceeding. The reference discloses a machine for assembling motor vehicles or similar bodies. A support (9) receives tools and for two different models of body. Applicant attaches an English language abstract. Further GB 2208820 is believed to be a related English language document.

DE 201 03 412 U1 discloses a welding equipment for welding multi-part workpieces. This reference has also been cited in the German examination proceeding. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time.

DE 696 08 431 T2 discloses a device for stretching bodies of various types. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. This reference has also been cited in the corresponding German examination proceeding.

EP 1 277 540 A2 discloses a machine station with a stretch frame operating on a segmented base frame on which several stretching/positioning devices and frame segments are fitted. No full translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract. This reference has also been cited in the corresponding German examination proceeding.

EP 0 760 770 B1 has been cited in the German examination proceeding. The reference discloses a process and apparatus for feeding, clamping and machining parts of a vehicle body. No full translation of the reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, an English language abstract is attached.

WO 95/32886 has been cited in the International Search Report. The reference has been cited as technological background. A copy of the Search Report is attached and it is requested that the Examiner consider statements as to the relevancy of the various cited references. Applicant also attaches an English language abstract.

U.S. 6,378,186 B1 is also cited in the International Search Report. The reference has been cited as technological background.

U.S. 6,457,574 B1 is also cited in the International Search Report. The reference has been cited as technological background.

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Consideration of the reference is requested.

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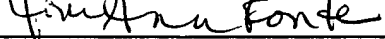
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<u>U.S. 6,457,574 B1</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 2002</u>	<u>SEMMLINGER et al.</u>			<u>Apr. 10, 1999</u>
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	<u>EP 0 760 770 B1</u>	<u>Apr. 8, 1998</u>	<u>EUROPE</u>			<u>NO</u>
	<u>EP 1 277 540 A2</u>	<u>Jan. 22, 2003</u>	<u>EUROPE</u>			<u>NO</u>
	<u>DE 696 08 431 T2</u>	<u>Dec. 14, 2000</u>	<u>GERMANY</u>			<u>NO</u>
	<u>DE 201 03 412 U1</u>	<u>May 23, 2002</u>	<u>GERMANY</u>			<u>NO</u>
	<u>DE 38 28 267 A1</u>	<u>Mar. 2, 1989</u>	<u>GERMANY</u>			<u>NO</u>
	<u>GB 2208820 A</u>	<u>April 19, 1989</u>	<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>			<u>YES</u>

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